A sudden rise in the matrimonial market reminds one of our Texas exchanges of the lines of Col. Miles O'Reilley on the "fall" of certain "soger boys" after the war: And so they fall, the young, the proud,

The gay and festive cusses fall, An orange wreath, instead of shroud, A ring in lieu of minic ball; And men who've faced the cannon's roar, Now yield to ruffled chemisettes, And lion hearts bow down before Some twilled, frilled pair of pantalettes,

Suggestions to Texas Farmers

EDITOR FREE PRESS :- I lately read an article on the relative value of oats and Indian corn as articles of commerce, and also as food for stock. It was clearly proved that raising oats pays the farmer better than raising corn.

Analysis proves that there is more nutriment in oats than in corn, take equal weights of each.

Next, it requires less labor to raise oats than corn, especially now with our reapers and threshers, and a good crop of oats in Texas never fails; it is not liable to the destruction of the weavel. nor is it so heating, used as food for animals, as corn is.

The article and proofs was too long for me to copy it off; but I found it so interesting that I give you a short synopsis of it:

The farmer can always rely on a good oat crop, though their peculiar situation, and the accident of droughts may often deprive them of a fair corn crop.

Another thing, the farmer ought to consider, that a rotation of crops does not exhaust his lands so soon, and that by rotation he secures better cropsagain, no freedman will steal oats of him, for he cannot use them for bread.

It has been a mistaken notion of our Southern farmers, to believe that cotton is the king of commerce and all produce. They therefore too often relied on the cotton crop to make money or to pay off debts, and at the same time bought their flour, and much of the meat, lard and butter their families needed.

Let farmers raise, besides cotton, plenty of corn and other small grain. . and let them also raise fewer, but a bet ter stock of cattle, horses, mules, and hogs, and feed them well to make them profitable.

Any one who raises cotton almost exclusively, has no time to fence in more of his land, to enlarge his fields, nor to make any other improvement on his place.

All must acknowledge that the small grain farmer, can cultivate a larger area of land with the same hands and teams than the cotton planter can.

What is the use of raising so much cotton, that in a prolific season, your hands cannot pick, or you have to pay extravagant wages to hire hands to do so, or else let it rot in your fields?

Farmers, you have a noble, healthy, and sure occupation. You all can employ your children from twelve years of age, upwards, more or less profitably. While you sleep your crop grows. Your stock, in this mild climate, does not need very much food nor as much attention as further north. But if you farmers want to utilize the advantages of our soil and climate, you must also reason and think, for practical farming is a science in more than one way. Do not follow the old track your predeces. gors followed—use the new implements of husbandry that ingenious men inploy your children from twelve years of of husbandry that ingenious men ininvented. Educate your children in useful branches, and furnish them with plenty useful and good books and newspapers, and success will crown you and C. E.

Col. R. G. Ingersoll, it is said, don't believe in God or Devil or in going to Mexico. In a report of a recent speech he is represented as saying :- "We don't want to go any more in the direction of Mexico. Take five thousand ministers, and five thousand ruling elders, and five thousand professors of theolo gy and send them out there, and give them every advantage, and the second generation would be seen riding on mules barebacked, with their shoes off and hair sticking through a sombrero with a rooster under each arm, going to a cock fight."

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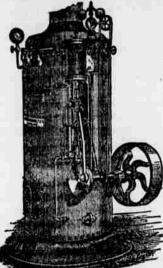
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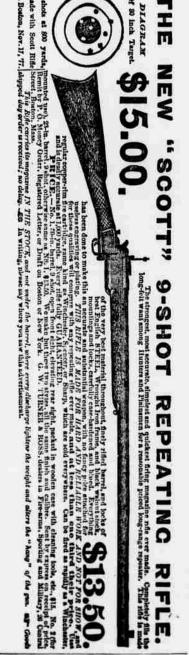
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